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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2127 (2013) concerning the Central African Republic**Note verbale dated 20 February 2014 from the Permanent Mission of Belgium to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee**

The Permanent Mission of Belgium to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2127 (2013) concerning the Central African Republic, and has the honour to refer to the note verbale of 16 January 2014 in which Member States are called upon to report to the Committee within 90 days from the adoption of the resolution on the steps they have taken with a view to implementing effectively paragraph 54 thereof.

Belgium wishes to highlight that, on 23 December 2013, the Council of the European Union adopted decision 2013/798/CFSP prohibiting the export of arms and related materiel from the European Union to the Central African Republic in order to implement fully Security Council resolution 2127 (2013) of 5 December 2013 in the European Union. This decision is binding on all European Union member States.

Furthermore, the criteria set out in common position 2008/944, in particular criterion one, which provides that "an export licence shall be denied if approval would be inconsistent with, inter alia ... the international obligations of Member States and their commitments to enforce United Nations, European Union and Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe arms embargoes", have been incorporated into federal legislation and the decrees of the Belgian regions.

Therefore, neither the federal State nor the Belgian regions have had to adopt additional internal measures to enforce the embargo.

